

Furthermore, other county societies will see what things are being discussed or acted upon throughout the State, and the general interest in all matters of professional interest will be stimulated. We again ask each county society secretary to devote the few moments of time and labor necessary to this work, which is certainly for the general good of all.

We take pleasure in handing you a fairly full report of your last annual meeting. It was an excellent meeting and we certainly congratulate you upon it. **TO MEMBERS IN OREGON.** While your Association is not large, it is in good healthy condition. Recognizing the fact that through physical necessity the Association could not enrol a very large membership, and that with a small membership the issuing of publications is a practical impossibility, the Medical Society of the State of California has now offered to your House of Delegates for two successive years, last year and this year, to surrender to your Association equal representative ownership and control of the publications issued by us, your southern neighbor. We proposed to change the name of our JOURNAL to one that should be mutually agreeable; to make it your journal just as much as it is our journal; that you should have your own publication committee and control the contents of your own section of such a journal; that it, and the yearly Register of Physicians, might be given to your members as a material and tangible return to them for their investment in the shape of dues; that you might thus have another and a very powerful lever in prosecuting the work of organization. Mind you, there was no question of simply making our journal your official publication; the question was much bigger and broader; it was an offer to share with you some of our property, and make it your property as well as our own. For some reason or reasons unknown to us, your Delegates did not accept our offer, and indeed, up to the present time, have not, except verbally and casually, advised the committee of our Society which made the offer, of their action. As the matter was not presented to the whole body of your Association by the Delegates, we take it that they do not believe your Association should share with us in the ownership of this property, and doubtless they have good and sufficient reasons for such determination. Should your Association, however, at some future time, care to reconsider the matter, we shall be pleased to take it up again. In the mean time, we will do all that we can to aid you in the work of organization, and in the matter of the approaching A. M. A. meeting, and to the extent of our abilities, in any other way you may suggest. You may be sure that you have a firm friend to the south of you, and you may know that it is our earnest wish that we may see a more closely united medical profession on the Pacific Coast.

We are sincerely grieved to learn that some members of the faculty of Cooper Medical College feel that there was the slightest animus against that institution **IMPERSONAL CRITICISM.** actuating an editorial which appeared in the August JOURNAL, headed "The Value of Big Game." The editorial in question was absolutely impersonal; there was no feeling of antagonism or of unfriendliness in the mind of the writer nor in the thoughts of the members of the Publication Committee. There was just one thought involved, and that was exactly as expressed in the heading,—the great value to the State of the precedent which might have been established, and the harm that might result from that which was established. There is no more honorable nor more ethical body of men in the State than the gentlemen who compose the faculty of this institution, and the last possible wish of any member of the Publication Committee, would be wittingly to hurt or offend them.

It was with no little surprise and a good deal of pleasure that we noted, in the September number of the *Journal of the New York Association*, the editorial published **FACETIOUS CRITICISM.** in the August number of the JOURNAL relative to the beautiful manner in which the trustees of the A. M. A. have composed the financial statement. It seemed hardly probable that another journal in the country would have the courage to print or comment on the matter we published. As a further matter of fact, there are a good many members of the Association who do not particularly care to invest \$3.50 a year in Chicago school bonds, or Chicago real estate which does them, nor anybody else, any good. The members of the Association are paying into its treasury something like \$40,000 a year more than it needs; they are paying enough to enable the Trustees to provide them with not alone the best journal in the country, but also with one which does not, in its every issue, make a laughing stock of the principles of ethics to which every member of the Association has subscribed. The Publication Committee is advised that one member of the Trustees looks upon the article printed in August on this subject as facetious. There is nothing facetious about it. There is not the slightest bit of facetiousness about the grafting that is being worked upon the medical profession through its complacency and with the paid-for assistance of the medical journals, including the "biggest advertising medium for proprietary remedies in this country," the *Journal A. M. A.* Every issue tends to debauch the mind of some of its members; it recommends to them all to make use of or prescribe secret remedies; it uses \$15,000 (about) of the dues paid in by the members of the Association to help in its work of "promoting the use of secret remedies." The Trustees of the A. M. A., who are responsible, may think this is facetious, but some day they